IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takayuki SUGAHARA et al.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS For:

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REPRODUCING WATERMARK INTO AND FROM CONTENTS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005 in which the examiner restricted the claims of the instant application, applicants elect for prosecution in this case Group I, i.e., claims 1-4, 9-12, 15-18, 19 and 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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